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OF THE TOWN OF

STRATHAM

New Hampshire

For the Year Ending December 31

1952

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of the

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK

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BOARD OF EDUCATION, LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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OF THE TOWN OF

STRATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31

1952

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TOWN OFFICERS

Supervisors of the Checklist

Arnold Whitaker — Jessica B. Chase

Donald L. Barker

Moderator

George C. Jewell

Town Clerk

Mary R. Tuck

Tax Collector

Ralph D. Parkman

Selectmen

Nelson E. Barker — Walter A. Scamman

*Elmer R. Wiggin

Treasurer

Leslie C. Scammon

Board of Education

Raymond E. Tucker — W. Douglas Scamman

Donald L. Barker

Trustees of Trust Funds

Ralph D. Parkman — John A. Hutton

Lena W. Wiggin

Library Trustees

Annie W. Scammon — Helen E. Gowen

John R. Gifford

Auditors

Ralph V. Armsden — W. Douglas Scamman

Highway Agent

Ernest T. Wiggin

Police

Forrest P. Wentworth — Robert S. Berry

Board of Health

Henry Saltonstall

Fire Chief

Robert T. Wiggin

* Term Expires

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred ninety-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents ($198.68), against the State's thirteen hundred twenty-four dollars and fifty-one cents ($1,324.51), for State Aid Construction.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow one percent discount on such property taxes as are paid by August 15, *or* within thirty days from the day upon which the Collector receives his warrant, *whichever is later,* the date to be printed on the tax bills.

5. To see if the town will vote to allow the collector of taxes additional compensation for his services in collecting the state head tax and to fix the amount thereof.

6. To see if the town will, with the cooperation of the Volunteer Fire Department build a Fire House, raise and appropriate two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) for the same.

7. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

NELSON E. BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,
ELMER WIGGIN,

Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELSON E. BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,
ELMER WIGGIN,

Selectmen of Stratham

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953 Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1952	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
FROM STATE:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$1,770.00	$1,244.14	$1,244.14
Railroad Tax	17.19		22.32
Savings Bank Tax	107.55		368.86
For Fighting Forest Fires		56.87	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	280.00	380.60	350.00
Bus. Lic., Permits & Filing Fees		2.00	
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.		72.50	70.00
Int. Re'cd. on Taxes & Deposits	150.00	232.41	250.00
Income from Trust Funds	75.00	116.34	175.00
Rental of Equipment		86.35	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	3,000.00	2,661.40	2,800.00
Cash Surplus	968.04	2,192.24	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	728.00	706.00	728.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	5.00	12.50	12.50
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	$7,100.78	$7,763.35	$6,020.82
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes			48,310.21
Total Revenues			$54,331.03

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Approp. Previous Year 1952	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1952	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1953
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,400.00	1,661.16	$1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	550.00	543.00	550.00
Election and Registration Exp.	175.00	246.82	
Exp. Town Hall, Other Bldgs.	800.00	789.91	800.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100.00	150.00	150.00
Fire Department	500.00	474.05	500.00
Insurance	266.87	227.28	350.00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	20.00	24.50	25.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	500.00	506.80	300.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	4,500.00	5,433.57	5,200.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	2,630.17	2,000.00
Libraries:			
Libraries	200.00	769.59	300.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	750.00	30.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	1,009.47	1,100.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds	200.00	413.49	200.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	100.00	104.00	100.00
Unclassified:			
Dam. & Legal Exp., Incl. Dog Dam.	100.00	52.70	100.00
Advertising and Reg. Ass'ns.	87.00	87.00	87.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	50.00	12.50	50.00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Taxes	$3,530.32	3,280.53	3,280.53
School Taxes	33,934.39	34,172.34	37,338.50
Total Expenditures	$50,763.58	$52,618.88	$54,331.03

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF STRATHAM

in Rockingham County

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date, Feb. 9, 1953

NELSON E. BARKER,
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,
Selectmen

LESLIE C. SCAMMON,
Treasurer.

Town of Stratham, N. H.

BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	$16,645.53	
In hands of highway agent	9.50	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Railroad Tax	11.16	
Savings Bank Tax	184.43	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1951	66.68	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1952	9,671.39	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952	235.00	
Total Assets		$26,823.69
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1951	$9,496.13	
Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1952	12,334.40	
Increase of Surplus	2,838.27	

December 31, 1952

SHEET

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to State:			
State Head Taxes—1952			
Uncollected	$235.00		
Collected—not remitted to State Treas.	1,083.90		
		$1,318.90	
Due to School Districts:			
Balance of Appropriation		13,134.39	
Bal. of Int. on P. Wiggin Cemetery Fund		36.00	
Total Liabilities			$14,489.29
Excess of assets of liabilities (Surplus)			12,334.40
Grand Total			$26,823.69

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Prop. Taxes—Cur. Year, 1952	$37,823.11	
Poll Taxes—Current Year Regular @ $2—1952	616.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes—1952	12.50	
Yield Taxes—1952	2,237.28	
State Head Taxes @ $5—1952	1,760.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$42,448.89
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes —Previous Years		8,056.43
Poll Taxes—Previous Years —Regular @ $2		90.00
State Head Taxes @ $5—1951		185.00
Interest received on Taxes		232.41
Penalties on State Head Taxes		21.00
Tax sales redeemed		294.77

From State:

Head Tax, 2% of Orig. Warrant	10.45	
Interest and dividend tax	1,244.14	
Fighting forest fires	56.87	

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	380.60	
Bus. lic., permits & filing fees	2.00	
Rent of town property	72.50	
Income from trust funds	116.34	
Income from highway dept.	86.35	

PAYMENTS For the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1952

CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries		$1,661.16
Town officers' expenses		543.00
Election and registration exp.		246.82
Painting lower hall		200.00
Exp. town hall & other bldgs.		789.91
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department		150.00
Fire dept., incl. forest fires		474.05
Special Fire Appro.		178.80
Insurance		227.28
Health:		
Vital statistics		24.50
Town dumps & garbage removal		506.80
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance		
Summer	$5,434.57	
Winter	2,630.17	
		8,064.74
Libraries:		
Libraries		769.59
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		1,009.47
Town poor		30.00
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds		413.49

RECEIPTS (Concluded)

Registration of motor vehicles,		
1951 Permits	22.34	
1952 Permits	2,639.06	
		4,630.65
Total Current Revenue Receipts		55,959.15
Receipts Other than Cur. Rev.:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	3,000.00	
New Trust Funds rec'd. during year	500.00	
Eastern States Farmers' Ex., dividends	46.	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		3,500.46
Total Receipts from All Sources		$59,459.61
Cash on hand January 1, 1952		11,139.89
Grand Total		$70,599.50

PAYMENTS (Continued)

Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	104.00	
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	52.70	
Advertising and Reg. Ass'ns.	87.00	
Taxes bought by town	171.01	
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	126.57	
Memorial fund	238.58	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$16,069.47
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	12.50	
Total Interest Payments		12.50
Outlay for New Construction, Equip and Perm Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges— State Aid construction	199.66	
Total Outlay Payments		199.66
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	3,000.00	
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)	500.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		3,500.00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:		
State Head Taxes paid to State Treas:		
1951 Taxes	1,919.82	

PAYMENTS (Concluded)

1952 Taxes	681.10		
		2,600.92	
Taxes paid to County		3,280.53	
Payments to School Dist.			
1951 Tax	7,490.89		
1952 Tax	20,800.00		
		28,290.89	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions			34,172.34
Total Payments for all Purposes			$53,953.97
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952			16,645.53
Grand Total			$70,599.50

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$13,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	400.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	3,500.00
Equipment	1,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	45,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Total	$79,950.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 2, 1953

We have this day completed the audit for the Town of Stratham, and have examnied the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen's Ledger and Vouchers, Road Agent's Accounts and Payrolls, Trustee of Trust Funds and Library Funds, and Bonds of all Town Officers, also Notes and Bonds Payable, and find all accounts properly cast and balanced.

RALPH V. AMSDEN,
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Land and Buildings	$814,345.00
Electric Plants	75,999.00
Horses—52	3,425.00
Ponies—5	150.00
Cows—416	52,200.00
Neat Stock—47	4,700.00
Sheep and Goats—40	520.00
Hogs—2	50.00
Fowls—30,619	35,735.00
Boats—1	200.00
Wood and Lumber	18,086.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,670.00
Stock in Trade	15,150.00
Mills and Machinery	6,500.00
Poll Tax—361	722.00
Head Tax—413	2,065.00
	$1,031,517.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	27,650.00
	$1,003,867.00
Amount of taxes to be committed to Tax Collector, including Polls, Head, Timber and National Bank Stock	$52,574.41

Rate of Taxation—$4.70 per $100.00

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Town Officers Salaries	$1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	550.00
Town Hall	800.00
Police Department	150.00
Fire Department	500.00
Insurance	350.00
Vital Statistics	25.00
Summer Roads	5,200.00
Winter Roads	2,000.00
Town Dump	300.00
Library	300.00
Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	200.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Legal Expenses and Dog Damage	100.00
Seacoast Regional	87.00
Interest	50.00
County Tax	3,280.53

RUSSELL A. GRANTON
ROBERT T. WIGGIN
RAYMOND E. TUCKER
NELSON E. BARKER
ELMER WIGGIN
WALTER A. SCAMMAN

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF 1952 TAX WARRANTS COMBINED

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property taxes	$47,055.62	
National Bank stock taxes	5.00	
Poll taxes	696.00	
Timber Yield taxes	2,645.98	
		$50,402.60
Added taxes:		
Property taxes	30.55	
National Bank stock taxes	7.50	
Poll taxes	26.00	
Timber Yield taxes	40.00	
		104.05
Interest collected:		
On Property taxes	2.76	
On Yield taxes	2.20	
		4.96
Penalties collected on poll taxes		1.00
Total Debits		$50,512.61

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property taxes	$37,825.87	
National Bank stock taxes	12.50	
Poll taxes	617.00	
Yield taxes	2,239.48	
		$40,694.85

Poll taxes abated by Selectmen		26.00
Discounts allowed		120.37
Uncollected taxes December 31, 1952		
Property taxes	9,142.69	
Poll taxes	80.00	
Yield taxes	448.70	
		9,671.39
Total Credits		$50,512.61

STATE HEAD TAXES
Levy of 1952

DR.

State Head taxes committed to Collector:		
Original warrant	$2,000.00	
Added taxes	65.00	
Penalties collected	4.00	
Total debits		$2,069.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head taxes and penalties	$1,764.00	
Abatements by Selectmen	70.00	
Uncollected as per Collector's list	235.00	
Total credits		$2,069.00

SUMMARY OF 1951 TAX WARRANTS COMBINED

DR.

Uncollected taxes—as of Jan. 1, 1952:		
Property taxes	$7,923.63	
Poll taxes	92.00	

Yield taxes	132.80	
		$8,148.43
One poll tax added		2.00
Int. collected during fiscal year:		
On property taxes	212.33	
On poll taxes	1.54	
On yield taxes	3.98	
		217.85
Penalties collected on poll taxes		8.60
Total Debits		$8,376.88

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during year:		
Property taxes	7,923.63	
Poll taxes	90.00	
Yield taxes	132.80	
Interest	217.85	
Penalties on polls	8.60	
		$8,372.88
Poll taxes abated by Selectmen		4.00
Total Credits		$8,376.88

1951 HEAD TAXES

DR.

Uncollected Head taxes		
Jan. 1, 1952	$205.00	
Added Head taxes	15.00	
Penalties collected during year	17.00	
Total Debits		$237.00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head taxes	$185.00		
Penalties	17.00		
		202.00	
Abatements by Selectmen		35.00	
Total Credits			$237.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
As of December 31, 1952

DR.

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:	
	1951	1950
Taxes sold to Town during Current fiscal year	$171.01	
Balance of unredeemed taxes January 1, 1952		172.86
Interest collected after sale	1.13	11.01
Redemption costs	2.86	4.08
Total Debits	$175.00	$187.95

CR.

Remitances to Treasurer during Current fiscal year	$107.82	$186.95
Fees to Register of Deeds	.50	1.00
Unredeemed taxes at close of year	66.68	
Total Credits	$175.00	$187.95

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH D. PARKMAN,
Collector of Taxes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses

Collected	$400.00
Clerk's Fees	29.40
Paid to Treasurer	$370.60

Auto Permits

Collected and paid to Treasurer	$2,661.40

Filing Fee

Collected and paid to Treas.	$2.00

MARY R. TUCK,

Town Clerk

TOWN HALL

Report of J. Lawson Emery, Janitor

January 1, 1952—December 31, 1952

Entertainment	$30.00
Grange Fair	4.00
Winnicutt Grange Rent of Hall	38.50
Balance Paid Leslie Scamman	$72.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1952		$11,139.89
Receipts:		
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector		
1951 Property taxes	$135.96	
1951 Poll taxes	100.14	
1951 Head taxes	202.00	
1951 Yield taxes	136.78	
1952 Property taxes	37,838.37	
1952 Poll taxes	617.00	
1952 Head taxes	1,764.00	
1952 Yield taxes	2,239.48	
Tax sales redeemed	294.77	
		$51,328.50
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk		
Automobile Permits	2,661.40	
Dog Licenses	380.60	
Filing fees	2.00	
		$3,044.00
Trustees of Trust Funds		
H. M. Hill Fund	$13.84	
P. Wiggin Fund	40.00	
C. Gear Fund	62.50	
		$116.34
John L. Emery, Janitor		
Rent of Hall		$72.50

Miscellaneous

Florence Rollins Estate Cemetery Fund		$500.00
Gravel		78.85
Use of Grader		7.50
Exeter Banking Company, Note		3,000.00
Eastern States Farmers Exchange		.46

State of New Hampshire

Interest and Dividends	$1,244.14	
Redemption Head Tax Expenses	10.45	
Forestry Department	56.87	
		$1,311.46
		$70,599.50

Paid on Selectmen's Orders	$53,953.97	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952	16,645.53	
		$70.599.50

DETAILED EXPENDITURES

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	$1,600.00	
Overdraft	61.16	
		$1,661.16
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk	$277.50	
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	648.66	
Ralph V. Amsden, Auditor	30.00	
W. Douglas Scamman, Auditor	30.00	
Leslie C. Scammon, Treasurer	75.00	
Elmer R. Wiggin, Selectman	150.00	
Walter A. Scamman, Selectman	150.00	
Nelson E. Barker, Selectman	300.00	
		$1,661.16

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Appropriation	$550.00	
Balance	7.00	
		$543.00
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk	$43.66	
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	7.00	
Ass'n. of N. H. Assessors, Dues	2.00	
Wheeler and Clark, Supplies	11.33	
Hampton Publishing Co., Town Reports	212.40	
Elmer R. Wiggin, Selectman	22.80	
Frank H. Pearson, Bonds and Ins.	76.00	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n. Dues	3.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	20.17	

Batchelder's Book Store, Supplies	19.25	
Sargent Bros., Tax Bill	20.90	
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	20.09	
Ralph D. Parkman, Trustee	13.40	
Rockingham Nat'l. Bank, Safe Deposit Box	4.80	
John W. A. Green, Transfers	16.20	
Walter A. Scamman, Selectman	15.00	
Nelson E. Barker, Selectman	25.00	
Leslie C. Scammon, Treasurer	10.00	
		$543.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation	$225.00	
Overdraft	21.82	
		$246.82
Stratham Volunteer Fire Dept., Lunch for March meeting	$11.00	
Amy Brooks, Ballot Clerk	15.00	
Bertha Parks, Ballot Clerk	15.00	
Marguretta Scamman, Ballot Clerk	15.00	
Gladys Chapman, Ballot Clerk	15.00	
George C. Jewell, Moderator	15.00	
Nelson E. Barker, Lunch for Sept. meeting	15.00	
Hampton Publishing Co., Checklists	29.50	
Mary R. Tuck, Envelopes & Postage	1.32	
PTA, Dinners for Nov. Meeting	25.00	
Arnold Whittaker, Supervisor	30.00	
Levi H. Braker, Supervisor	30.00	
Mary A. Barker, Supervisor	30.00	
		$246.82

TOWN HALL AND SHEDS

Appropriation	$800.00	
Balance	11.,09	
		$789.91

Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	$109.16
John L. Emery, Janitor	180.00
W. Douglas Scamman, Insurance	36.00
C. L. Haskell, Flameproofing	90.00
Frank W. Tuck, Supplies	3.72
F. W. Jewell, Fuel Oil	46.59
Elmer R. Wiggin, Dishes for Hall	13.00
Raymond Tucker, Lights in Lower Hall	26.00
Frank H. Pearson, Insurance	138.58
Robert Calef, Treas. S.V.F.D., Electric Stove	15.00
David B. Watson, Spraying trees	7.50
Charles A. Parker, labor	5.00
Arthur Cushman, labor	7.61
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., Supplies	.94
A. E. McReel Co., Inc., Coal	50.40
Leslie C. Scammon, Repairs	54.72
Kimball's Hardware Co., Glass & Putty	4.25
Ernest T. Wiggin, Supplies	1.44
	$789.91

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	$100.00	
Overdraft	50.00	
		$150.00

Forrest P. Wentworth, Services	$150.00

FIRE DEPT. INCL FOREST FIRES

Appropriation	$500.00	
Balance	25.95	
		$474.05
F. W. Jewell, Fuel Oil and Burner Service	$90.51	
John A. Higgins, Refill C-O-2	6.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, Warden	142.07	
Happy's Garage, Gas, Parts, Labor	51.53	
Central Heating & Plumbing Co., Labor, Pipe and Fittings	33.94	
Bill's Grocery, Gas	9.79	
Ernent T. Wiggin, Gas & Supplies	19.66	
Jane's Grocery, Gas	5.34	
James Brisslin, Repairs	1.21	
R. G. Crowell, Ins. on Men	114.00	
		$474.05

SPEC. APPRO.—FIRE TRUCK & EQUIP.

1951 Appropriation	$234.16	
Balance	55.36	
		$178.80
Turcotte's Hardware, 2 Axes	$7.83	
Western Auto, Paint for Ford	9.17	
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., Ladders	45.80	
W. W. Morse, Fire Extinguisher	18.00	
Gorham Fire Equip. Co., Fire Hose	98.00	
		$178.80

VITAL STATISTICS

Appropriation	$20.00	
Overdraft	4.50	
		$24.50
Mary R. Tuck		$24.50

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriaion	$8,300.00	
Balance	235.26	
		$8,064.74
E. T. Wiggin, Agt., Summer Rds.	$5,434.57	
E. T. Wiggin, Agt., Winter Rds.	2,630.17	
		$8,064.74

TOWN DUMP

Appropriation	$500.00	
Overdraft	6.80	
		$506.80
Perley Well, Care of Dump	$234.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, Truck	10.80	
Albert H. Stevens, Truck & Tractor	91.80	
Earl Wiggin, Truck	10.80	
Nelson Barker, Truck	9.90	
Richard Rogers, Labor	3.00	
Lewis Filion, Shovel	24.00	
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., Padlock	1.50	
Rowe Printing Co., Notices	3.00	
N. H. Fence Co., Gate	118.00	
		$506.80

LIBRARY

Appropriation	$800.00	
Balance	30.41	
		$769.59
W. Douglas Scamman, Insurance	$24.00	
J. H. Sopel, Wood	23.00	
F. W. Jewell, Oil Burner and Alterations	499.95	
F. W. Jewell, Fuel Oil	34.50	
David B. Watson, Spraying Trees	7.50	
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	13.64	
Gladys Chapman, 1951 Salary	17.00	
Gladys Chapman, 1952 Salary	150.00	
		$769.59

TOWN POOR

Appropriation	$750.00	
Balance	720.00	
		$30.00
J. H. Sopel, Wood	$15.00	
Dr. Wendell P. Clare, Services	15.00	
		$30.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Balance	240.53	
		$1,009.47
State of New Hampshire	1,009.47	
		$1,009.47

PAINTING LOWER HALL

Appropriation	$200.00	
Stratham Volunteer Fire Dept.	$200.00	

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation	$200.00	
Int. Rec'd. on Stratham Hill Funds 1951 and 1952	151.42	
	351.42	
Overdraft	62.07	
		$413.49
Frank H. Pearson, Ins. on Flagpole	$7.50	
Batchelder Bookstore, flag	9.50	
W. A. Scamman & Son, paint for flagpole	10.04	
John R. Gifford, mowing park	12.00	
George C. Jewell, labor on pump	4.00	
Nelson E. Parker, truck and labor	5.00	
Leslie C. Scammon, lumber & labor	9.15	
R. C. Kimball, repairing pump	16.75	
Perley Wills, truck and labor	42.00	
Stanwood Puffer, repairing & painting flagpole	297.55	
		$413.49

CEMETERIES

Appropriation	$100.00	
Int. on Trust Fund	40.00	
	$140.00	
Balance	36.00	
		$104.00

John L. Emery, care of Cemeteries	100.00	
Charles H. Chase, mowing	4.00	
		$104.00

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance from 1951	$238.58	
		$238.58
Batchelder Bookstore, flag and stand	31.00	
Atherton Furniture Co., tables tops	174.00	
School Dist. of Stratham	33.58	
		$238.58

INSURANCE

Appropriation	$266.87	
Balance	39.59	
		$227.28
Frank H. Pearson, Highway Dept.	$127.28	
Frank H. Pearson, Fire trucks	100.00	
		$227.28

INTEREST

Appropriation	$50.00	
Balance	37.50	
		$12.50
Exeter Banking Co.	12.50	
		$12.50

TOWN ROAD AID T. R. A.

Appropriation	$199.66	
		$199.66
State of New Hampshire	$199.66	
		$199.66

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASS'N

Appropriation	$87.00	
		$87.00
Seacoast Regional Development Ass'n	87.00	
		87.00

LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	$100.00	
Balance	47.30	
		$52.70
Frank A. Batchelder	52.70	
		$52.70

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	$3,280.00	
Overdraft	.53	
		$3,280.53
Earle R. Stockbridge, County Treas.	3,280.53	
		$3,280.53

SCHOOL TAX

Appropriation	$33,934.39	
Bal. 1951 Tax	7,490.89	
	41,425.28	
Due School Dist. 1952 Tax	13,134.39	
		$28,290.89
School Dist 1951 Tax	7,490.89	
School Dist. 1952 Tax	20,800.00	
		$28,290.89

ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS

Pittsfield Box & Lumber Co., Overcharge	$85.24	
Mary R. Tuck, overpayment on dog tax	10.00	
Stanley French, Road Tax	15.75	
Clifford Confield, timber tax	5.60	
Glen Shultz, timber tax	9.98	
		$126.57

TEMPORARY LOANS

The Exeter Banking Co.	$3,000.00

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Florence Rollins Estate, Cemetery Fund	$500.00

HEAD TAX

Treas. State of New Hampshire	$2,600.92

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	$171.01
Total Payments	$53,953.97

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Ernest T. Wiggin, Agt.	$1,630.76
Nelson L. Dolloff, labor	434.20
Richard B. Rogers, labor	343.70
Albert H. Stevens, truck & loader	922.80
Stanley French, labor	152.00
Robert T. Wiggin, labor	191.50
Earl L. Wiggin, truck & labor	371.20
Carl Rogalski, labor	33.00
Bill's Grocery, gas	39.89
Richard H. Wiggin	5.00
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts	86.58
Kenneth Stevens, labor	34.00
Nelson E. Barker, truck	215.60
Howard Stevens, labor	4.00
James R. Jackson, labor	107.40
Ernest T. Wiggin, Jr., labor	117.00
Frank W. Tuck, gas, etc.	82.04
White's Welding Shop, welding	47.08
Elmer R. Wiggin, labor	3.00
Hume Pipe of N. E., culvert	446.91
Stephen Vickery, sand & loader	138.00
Turcotte Hardware Co., hardware	14.72
Edwin I. Kimball, welding	15.00
Carl D. Stockbridge, gas & labor	5.60
American Oil Co., anti-freeze	11.10
Faltin Transportation Co., express	1.40
George Cammett, labor	117.75
Warren Chapman, labor	5.00
H. H. McGuire & Co., tar	1,670.18
Donald Wiggin, labor	9.75
Francis Rawson, labor	18.50
Elmer Patenaude, labor	8.00
Earl Spear	10.00

Happy's Garage, gas & repairs	44.78	
Lawrence Foss, labor	3.80	
Wilbur Jewell, fuel	96.33	
Louis P. Filion, shovel	358.00	
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., posts & hardware	22.75	
Paul Witham, labor	21.00	
Fred Witham, Jr., labor	21.00	
Frank H. Pearson, insurance	10.12	
Arthur A. Dudley, truck	42.00	
Ralph Scamman	3.00	
Treas., State of N. H., T5 patch	26.25	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, salt	45.80	
Director Internal Revenue, withholding tax	60.20	
Exeter Banking Co., service charge	9.50	
Balance on hand January 1, 1952		$1.95
Received from Selectmen		8,064.74
		$8,066.69
Total expenses		8,057.19
Balance on hand December 31, 1952		$9.50

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

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Trust funds on hand January 31, 1952		
(Principal amounts)		
Library funds	$6,400.00	
Stratham Hill Park funds	3,000.00	
Cemetery funds	7,975.00	
Capital Reserve fund of Central School	1,000.00	
Fund for the benefit of Mary F. Weeks	950.00	
Highway fund	5.00	
		$19,330.00
Trust funds received during year		
Stratham Hill Park funds	$1,000.00	
Cemetery funds	1,900.00	
		$2,900.00
Unexpended income January 31, 1952		
In savings banks	384.17	
In checking account	24.37	
		$408.54
Income accruing during year		
From Government bonds	$150.00	
From Amoskeag Savings Bank	212.65	
From Plaistow Cooperative Bank	91.27	
From Exeter Banking Co.	37.99	
From Portsmouth Savings Bank	32.42	

From Mechanics Savings Bank	13.95	
From Piscataqua Savings Bank	7.56	
		$545.84
		$23,184.38

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Trust funds on hand January 31, 1953 (Principal amounts)		
Library funds	$6,400.00	
Stratham Hill Park funds	4,000.00	
Cemetery funds	9,875.00	
Capital Reserve fund (Central School)	1,000.00	
Fund for the benefit of Mary F. Weeks	950.00	
Highway fund	5.00	
		$22,230.00
Income payments during year		
To Library Treasurer	$175.13	
To Town Treasurer (for Park)	62.50	
To Town Treas. (for Greenwood Cemetery)	40.00	
To Stratham Cemetery Association	12.50	
To Mary F. (Weeks) Malz	28.50	
To John F. Emery (care of lots in upper cemetery)	71.02	
To John L. Emery (care of lots in Greenwood Cemetery)	63.69	
		$453.34

Unexpended income January 31, 1953		
Cash in various banks	$413.58	
Cash in checking account	87.46	
		$501.04
Total Credits		$23,184.38

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January — 1953

RALPH D. PARKMAN
LENA W. WIGGIN
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.
Trustees of Trust Funds

We the undersigned, find the above accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. V. AMSDEN, JR.
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1952

Date of Creation	TRUST FUND — PURPOSE OF CREATION	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand
	Amanda Lane, Library Fund	Portsmouth Savings Bank	700.00	2½	00.00	17.60	17.60	00.00
	Andrew Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.11	2.51	2.00	.62
	James W. Foss, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	75.00	2½	00.00	1.88	1.88	00.00
	Sarah Downs, care of lot in upper cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	50.00	2½	.08	1.26	1.34	00.00
Apr. 18, 1919	Frank P. Leavitt, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.31	2.51	2.00	.82
Oct. 30, 1920	Elizabeth Wood, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	150.00	2½	15.58	4.15	8.00	11.73
Jan. 14, 1922	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John and John J. Scammon are buried	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.04	2.51	2.00	.55
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of lot in upper cemetery	Piscataqua Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.93	2.53	2.00	1.46
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund	Piscataqua Savings Bank	200.00	2½	00.00	5.03	5.03	00.00
Nov. 11, 1925	Edmund B. Lane, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	3	00.00	30.00	30.00	—.—
Aug. 28, 1928	George L. Barker, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Levi and George Barker are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	31.59	7.00	8.00	30.59
July 1, 1929	George W. Dixon, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	3	00.00	30.00	30.00	—.—
Feb. 11, 1930	Estate of M. Abbie Sanborn, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Greenleaf C. and Abigale Brown are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	.91	3.03	2.50	1.44
April 16, 1930	Paine Wingate, care of lot in Upper cem.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	2.28	3.08	5.00	.36

Feb. 24, 1931	J. C. A. Wingate, care of lot in Upper cem.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	.97	3.03	2.50	1.50
April 18, 1931	George W. Dixon, care of lot in Greenwood cemetery	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	3	34.78	7.14	8.00	33.92
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle, care of lot on Hiram Wiggin farm	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	3	23.83	6.81	00.00	37.64
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle Trust Fund interest to be paid to Mary F. Weeks, Westville, N. H.,	Amoskeag Savings Bank	950.00	3	00.00	28.50	28.50	00.00
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hills Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	3	00.00	30.00	30.00	—.—
	Horace M. Hills Trust Fund for upkeep of Stratham Hill Park	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	3	00.00	15.11	00.00	15.11
	Horace M. Hills, for removing rocks from Town Roads	Amoskeag Savings Bank	5.00	3	3.19	.24	00.00	3.43
Feb. 1, 1933	Caroline W. Baker fund, care of lot in Upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3	23.12	8.26	8.00	23.38
April 27, 1936	Caroline W. Baker cemetery fund for same lot	Amoskeag Savings Bank						
Jan. 14, 1934	Estate of Annie L. Harvey, care of the Annie L. Harvey lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	.79	3.03	2.50	1.32
July 3, 1936	Isabelle C. Wingate, care of the George Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	200.00	2	.88	4.02	4.90	00.00
Jan. 3, 1937	Estate of J. H. LeRoy, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	28.01	2.57	5.00	25.58
Jan. 28, 1937	Heirs of Joseph T. Smart, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	.64	2.01	2.00	.65
Feb. 7, 1938	Edward Clapp, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	.73	3.03	2.50	1.26
June 23, 1938	George H. Ellison, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.41	3.11	5.00	1.52
July 20, 1939	George Bowley, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	34.02	4.05	00.00	38.07
Nov. 16, 1939	Hannah M. Barker, care of cemetery lot on the Ezra Barker farm in Stratham	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	27.05	3.83	00.00	30.88
June 7, 1944	Charles E. Clark, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.38	6.23	6.00	6.61
Sept. 16, 1944	Albert P. Smith, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	5.26	3.17	5.00	3.43

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Sept. 16, 1944	Nathaniel Wiggin, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	8.01	4.77	12.78	00.00
Mar. 29, 1945	Lyman J. Batchelder, care of lot in upper cemetery in which Albert A., Sarah F. Batchelder and others are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	2.50	3.09	00.00	5.59
Oct. 1, 1945	John Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	5.93	6.22	5.00	7.15
Feb. 25, 1946	John A. Scammon Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	1.41	4.57	5.00	.98
Apr. 12, 1946	Chas. E. Gear Lib. & Stratham Hill Park funds	U. S. Savings Bond Series G	5,000.00	2½	00.00	125.00	125.00	00.00
	Charles E. Gear Trust Fund, Cemetery,	Fed. Reserve Bank, Boston	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	12.50	12.50
Mar. 27, 1947	Capital Reserve Fund for Central School	Exeter Banking Company	1,000.00	2	99.12	22.09	00.00	121.21
Apr. 15. 1947	Minnie S. Sanderson—Cemetery fund	Exeter Banking Company	250.00	2	2.56	5.07	5.00	2.63
May 5, 1948	William Dining Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	11.56	2.23	00.00	13.79
Aug. 17, 1949	May I. Gowen, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.45	6.23	6.00	6.68
Aug. 17, 1949	Frank H. Barker fund, care of lot in Greenwood cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	1.74	3.07	4.81	00.00
Nov. 1, 1949	William Dining Cemetery Fund	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	4½	4.50	4.50	00.00	9.00
Nov. 1, 1949	David P. Batchelder fund, care of lot in Upper cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	4½	4.50	4.50	6.00	3.00

Nov. 28, 1949	Samuel J. Sinclair fund, care of lot in Upper cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	3	2.86	3.00	3.00	2.86
July 1950	Albert C. Lane, care of lot in lower cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	3	1.01	3.02	2.00	2.03
Aug. 1951	Parry C. Wiggin fund-care and maintenance of Greenwood Cem.	Plaistow Cooperative Bank Plaistow Cooperative Bank	2,000.00	3	10.00	60.00	40.00	30.00
Aug. 1951	David Jewell fund, care of lot in Greenwood cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	300.00	3	10.00	9.00	6.00	4.50
Sept. 4, 1952	Florence E. Rollins fund, care of lot, monument and markers in Rollins lot in Upper cem.	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	500.00	3	00.00	1.25	00.00	1.25
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for upkeep of Stratham Hill Park	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	1,000.00	3	00.00	2.50	00.00	2.50
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for upkeep of Greenwood cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	1,000.00	3	00.00	2.50	00.00	2.50
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for care of Pickering lot No. 106 in Greenwood cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	200.00	3	00.00	.50	00.00	.50
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for care of Jewell lot No. 26 in Greenwood cem.	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	200.00	3	00.00	.50	00.00	.50
			22,230.00		408.54	545.84	453.34	501.04

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Balance on hand January 1, 1952		$103.46
Receipts:		
E. B. Lane fund	$30.00	
G. W. Dixon fund	30.00	
H. M. Hill fund	30.00	
Amanda M. Lane fund	14.07	
Mary J. Roberts fund	4.02	
Chas. E. Gear fund	62.50	
Emma B. Wiggin fund	55.85	
Interest on Bank a/c	1.18	
		$227.62
		$331.08

Payments		
Goodmans Book Store	$189.58	
Leslie C. Scammon Library repairs	37.26	
Balance on hand Dec. 31,1952	104.24	
		$331.08

NEW BOOKS — 1952

Abbott Jane ..... The Neighbors
Adams, Samuel Hopkins ..... The Santa Fe Trail
Baldwin, Faith ..... The Juniper Tree
Balsan, Consuelo Vanderbilt .. The Glitter and the Gold
Brown, John Mason ..... The California Gold Rush
Brown, John Mason ..... Daniel Boone
Carlson, John Roy ..... Cairo to Damascus
Carroll, Gladys Hasty ..... Dunnybrook
Carson, Rachel L. ..... The Sea Around Us
Christie, Agatha ..... Mrs. McGinty's Dead
Christie, Agatha ..... The Muder with Mirrors
Corbett, Elizabeth ..... The Richer Harvest
Costain, Thomas B. ..... The Silver Chalice
Crawford, Marion ..... Mother and Queen
Downes, Annie Miller ..... The High Hills Calling
Downes, Annie Miller ..... The Pilgrim Soul
du Maurier, Daphine ..... My Cousin Rachel
Ellsberg, Edward ..... Passport for Jennifer
Ferber, Edna ..... Giant
Ford, Leslie ..... The Bahamas Murder Case
Frank, Pat ..... Hold Back the Night
Gardener, Erle Standley ..... Moth Eaten Mink
Giles, Janice Holt ..... Tara's Healing
Goudge, Elizabeth ..... The Valley of Song
Gould, John ..... Neither Hay nor Grass
Kelland, Clarence ..... The Key Man
Keyes, Francis Parkinson ..... Steamboat Gothic
Kieran, John ..... Information Please 1953 Almanac
Knox, Joe ..... Little Benders
Lea, Tom ..... The Wonderful Country
Lockridge, Frances and Richard .. Dead as a Dinoseur
Loring, Emilie ..... For All Your Life
Marshall, Catherine ..... A Man Called Peter

Matthews, Tanya ..... Journey between Freedoms
Mayer, Jane ..... Betsy Ross and the Flag
McKeow, Martha ..... Alaska Silver
Miller, Helen Topping ..... The Horns of Capricon
Monsarrat, Nicholas ..... The Cruel Sea
Noriss, Kathleen ..... Shadow Marriage
O'Brien, Jack ..... Royal Red
Owen, Richard ..... The Conquest of the North and South Pole
Philbrick, Herbert A. ..... I Led 3 Lives
Queen, Ellery ..... The King is Dead
Rawling's Marjorie Kinnon ..... The Sojourner
Reben, Martha ..... The Healing Woods
Reynolds, Quentin ..... Custer's Last Stand
Rinehart, Mary Roberts ..... The Swimming Pool
Simon, Edith ..... The Golden Hand
Smith, Dorothy Evelyn ..... Lost Hill
Snow, Edward Rowe .. Great Gales and Dire Diasters
Sperry, Armstrong ..... Thunder Country
Spring, Howard ..... The House in Between
Stafford, Jean ..... The Catherine Wheel
Stout, Rex ..... Prisoners Base
Tregaskis, Richard ..... Seven Leagues to Paradise
Turnbull, Agnes Sligh ..... The Gown of Glory
Ulman, James Ramsey ..... Windom's Way
Villiers, Alan ..... The Quest of the Schooner Argus
Vinning, Elizabeth Gray ..... Windows for the Crown Prince
Wells, Carneth ..... The Road to Salimar
Yates, Elizabeth ..... Brave Interval
Yates, Elizabeth ..... A Place for Peter

Gift of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company

Williamson, Harold F. ..... Winchester, The Gun That Won the West

BOOK CIRCULATION

Total Circulation		1,651
Fiction	1,075	
Non-fiction	227	
Juvenile	349	

School Report

TEAM WORK WILL DO THE JOB

Team work has won victories from time immemorial — for families, towns, cities, states and nations. Team work is the highest form and most democratic example of cooperation. Without team work, America and Americans would never have achieved the greatness that is theirs. We are all aware of its power and appeal. It is no less needed now than in the past.

Team work among those who live, work and recreate in and near the woodlands, is vital. There never was a time when our woodlands as a whole were in such precarious condition as they are now.

Since the hurricane, nearly 900,000 acres of slash have been added to our already sizeable slash problem. If we are to avoid unnecessary trouble with fire in our woodland areas everyone must cooperate — we must have team work. The remedy is simple —

YOU and YOU and YOU and YOU

Must secure the required permit from your local forest fire warden before burning.

Must use necessary precautions while burning or smoking in or near woodlands.

Must not throw lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from vehicles moving along highways.

Otherwise YOU might well contribute to a costly and damaging fire. And don't forget that fire might destroy your own property!

REMEMBER — Only YOU and YOU and YOU can prevent fire!
TEAM WORK WILL DO THE JOB

Number of locals fires	3
Number of acreas burned	22
Number of permits issued	35

E. T. WIGGIN
Forest Fire Warden

MERTON A. WEBBER
District Chief

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham, N. H. qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial School in said district on the ninth day of March 1953, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officers, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income, the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the school district will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) to defray the expenses of assistant cook.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this sixteenth day of February 1953.

RAYMOND E. TUCKER,
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN
DONALD L. BARKER,

School Board of Stratham, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

RAYMOND E. TUCKER,
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN
DONALD L. BARKER,

School Board of Stratham, N. H.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR
1953 - 1954

	Expend. 1952-53	Estim. Expend. 1953-54
Administration		
Salaries of district officers	$160.00	$170.00
Superintendent's salary	280.00	285.00
Tax for state wide supervision	312.00	336.00
Salaries of other adm. per.	395.00	400.00
Truant officer	10.00	
Instruction		
Teachers' salaries	7,700.00	10,500.00
Books and other instruction aids	225.00	300.00
Scholars' supplies	325.00	400.00
Operation of School Plant		
Salaries of janitors	600.00	650.00
Fuel	900.00	900.00
Water, light, supplies and exp.	500.00	500.00
Maintenance of School Plant		
Repairs and replacements	400.00	400.00
Auxiliary Activities		
Health supervision	285.00	300.00
Transportation	4,700.00	5,000.00
Tuition, high	9,000.00	11,000.00
Tuition, elementary	4,640.00	4,300.00
Fixed Charges		
Teachers' retirement	465.00	610.00
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses	500.00	500.00
Total Current Expenses	$31,422.00	$36,551.00
Debt and Interest		
Principal of debt	3,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on debt	843.75	787.50
Total Expenditures or School Appropriation	$35,265.75	$39,338.50

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE TAX COMMISSION

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of The

STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1951

and Ending June 30, 1952

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

RAYMOND A. HOYT,

Superintendent.

RAYMOND E. TUCKER,
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,
DONALD L. BARKER,

School Board.

PAYMENTS

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	$175.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	297.29
Tax for state wide supervision	286.00
Salaries of other administration personnel	280.90
Instruction:	
Teachers' salaries	7,472.02
Books and other instruction aids	60.42
Scholars' supplies	454.76
Supplies and other expenses	31.57
Operation of School Plant:	
Salaries of janitor	615.00
Fuel or heat	503.53
Water, light, supplies and expenses	411.68
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and replacements	306.11
Auxiliary activities:	
Special activities	30.60
Health supervision	241.95
Transportation	4,299.00
Tuition	11,935.30
School Lunch	440.00
Fixed Charges:	
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	684.61
Capital Outlay:	
New equipment	9.56
Debt and Interest:	
Principle on debt	3,000.00
Interest on debt	911.25
Total Payments for All Purposes	$32,446.71
Total cash on hand at the end of year (June 30, 1952)	220.34
Grand Total	$32,667.05

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1952

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1951	$220.34
Capital Reserves (Held by trustees)	1,000.00
Total Assets	$1,220.34

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserves (offsets similar assets)	$1,000.00
Surplus (excess of assets over liabilities)	220.34
Grand Total	$1,220.34

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have this day examined the school account of Raymond E. Tucker and find it correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of Two Hundred Twenty Dollars and Thirty Four Cents. ($220.34)

R. V. AMSDEN,

Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

RECEIPTS

From local taxation:

Current year's appropriation	$30,790.89	
Unexpended balance of memorial fund	33.58	
Unexpended balance of building fund	1.24	
		$30,825.71

State Aid:

Equalization fund	1,331.36	
For school lunch program	427.68	
		1,759.04

Other sources of revenue:

Refund from school lunch treasurer	427.68	
Donation to school lunch program	5.00	
Rent of school auditorium	30.00	
Telephone charges refunded	.43	
		463.11
Total receipts from all sources		$33,047.86
Cash on hand July 1, 1951		46.87
Grand Total		$33,094.73

PAYMENTS

Administration:

Salaries of local district officers	$175.00
District's share of Supt's salary	297.29

Treasurer's bond	16.00	
Other expenses of administration	264.90	
		$753.19
Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries (gross)	$7,472.05	
Text books and scholars supplies	515.18	
		7,987.23
Operation and maintenance of school plant:		
Janitor's salary	$580.00	
Janitor's labor	35.00	
Janitor's supplies	182.51	
Fuel oil	503.53	
Electricity	161.67	
Telephone	64.15	
Minor repairs and expenses	339.76	
		1,866.62
Health supervision:		
District's share of school nurse's sal.	229.95	
Other expenses	12.00	
		241.95
Transportation of pupils:		
High school pupils	1,599.00	
Elementary school pupils	2,700.00	
		4,299.00
Tuition:		
High Schools		
Exeter High	$6,971.70	

Portsmouth High	791.25	
Hampton High	195.00	
		7,957.95
Elementary Schools		
Exeter Junior High	3,848.65	
Portsmouth Junior High	128.70	
		3,977.35
Other special activities:		
School Lunches		
Paid school lunch treasurer amount of State checks	427.68	
Paid Hester A. Jewell, manager	465.00	
Express	7.00	
		899.68
Fixed Charges:		
State of New Hampshire, per capita tax	286.00	
Insurance on school building	684.61	
		970.61
Outlay for construction and equipment		9.56
Debit and Interest:		
Bonds retired	3,000.00	
Interest on debt	911.25	
		3,911.25
Total payments for all purposes		$32,874.39
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		220.34
		$33,094.73

Upon examining these books I, Ralph V. Amsden Jr., on this 26th day of August 1952, find them in order, correctly cast and properly vouched, with a balance of Two Hundred and Twenty dollars and Thirty four cents.

RALPH V. AMSDEN JR.
Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Stratham, New Hampshire:

It is with pleasure that I submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The school year 1952-1953 opened with the following personnel:

Miss Edna Crane, Principal and Teacher of Grade 5-6.
Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill, Teacher of Grades 3-4.
Mrs. Hilda Barker, Teacher of Grades 1-2.
Mrs. Eleanor Henry, Teacher of Music.
Miss Mary Shea, School Nurse.

This is the same staff of teachers which taught at the school last year. These experienced and competent teachers are working for the best interests of the boys and girls at all times. Unfortunately, early in the year due to poor health it became necessary for Mrs. Merrill to have a substitute for a period of several weeks. Mrs. Florence Batchelder of Hampton Falls was engaged as her substitute and she has worked very diligently and faithfully.

An enrollment problem became apparent with the beginning of school due to the presence of twenty four youngsters in the fourth grade. There were thirty eight students in the third and fourth grade room which was too large a group for one teacher. The best solution seemed to be to shift six of the members of the fourth grade to the fifth and sixth grade room where the numbers were not so large. This helped to even the numbers in the rooms but it has given Miss Crane three grades to teach instead of two which is not a de-

sirable condition and one which should not be continued after this year.

Looking ahead to next year, both the fifth and sixth grade room and the first and second grade room may be overcrowded in which case it will be necessary to open another classroom with an additional teacher in order to relieve the situation.

The placing of a hard surface on the parking area, the driveway and around the rear of the building has been a marked improvement. The building of sand boxes and the installation of swings for the primary students have provided good playground facilities for these younger boys and girls. There is a need for more equipment for the older youngsters and the installation of outdoor basketball backboards would furnish them with a worthwhile activity.

The Hot Lunch program headed by a cook with an assistant seems to work out very well. Mrs. Hester Jewell and Mrs. Nami Bearisto deserve much credit for the excellence of the meals which are being served.

The Parent-Teacher Association continues to be very active in working for the interests of the school and it has made many valuable contributions.

There are two strong evidences that the boys and girls are receiving good training. The results of the achievement tests which are given in May each year show that each grade stands well above the national standards for the tests. Also, the very satisfactory caliber of the work done by a large majority of the students who go on to high school is proof of good training while in elementary school.

I call your attention to the reports and tables which follow and I trust that these will be of interest to you.

Again I wish to thank the citizens of Stratham, the members of the School Board, and the teachers for their fine cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HOYT,

Superintendent, Supervisory Union No. 16

Stratham, New Hampshire

January 15, 1953.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The purpose of a music program in the schools is to give to the children a foundation and interest in music. It is hoped that from this beginning they will acquire and retain an active interest in music throughout their school years and entire life.

Work on rhythm band, folk-dances, action songs, music appreciation, the fundamentals of music and part-singing are all part of the year's program.

In May, the operetta "The Frog Prince" was presented by the pupils of the Stratham School at the Town Hall. I believe that the experience that the children receive from participation in this type of program is very valuable.

During Education Week in November a special program was given by the pupils for their parents.

Special music was prepared for the annual Christmas Program.

At this time I wish to thank Mr. Hoyt, the Stratham School Board, the teachers and parents for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

ELEANOR HENRY,

Music Supervisor.

Stratham, New Hampshire

January 15, 1953.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

There is no doubt that the hot lunch program has helped in improving the health of the children in the Stratham school. I find that on the whole they have more "pep" and energy than in the past. The fruit juice at recess has helped too by providing needed vitamins and adding to the protection of the children against disease.

The school nurse carries on a two-fold program.

1. School Health Services.

This consists of vision, hearing and growth in height and weight tests, checking the condition of the teeth and the general appearance of the children. The parents are notified of any deviations from the normal that may be found. There are many children who have been found, under this service, to be in need of dental care and it is hoped that in the future a dental clinic can be set up for the children of Stratham.

2. Health Education.

Over many years the school's interest in health has increased and broadened. This is due partly to greater recognition of the relationship between health and successful living, and partly to the increased use of audio-visual aids.

The school nurse now has at her disposal a slide projector and a health library of film strips, a movie projector, health song books and records. Their use helps to stimulate and, we hope, change for the better those attitudes and practices which make the difference between whole and partial health. We try to teach the

children to eat the right foods, to take care of their teeth regularly, to avoid needless colds and to practice many other health factors. For this we need the cooperation of the home and school. The teachers have helped tremendously in our efforts to do this. My contacts with the parents have been most satisfactory.

There is still a lot to do if we are to provide the children with all the necessary health facilities. Together we can do this gradually over the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. SHEA, R. N.

Stratham, New Hampshire

January 15, 1953.

SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1953 - 1954

School Opens — September 9 (Wed.)		
School Closes — Dec. 22 (Tues)	72 days	16 weeks
School Opens — Jan. 4 (Mon.)		
Schools Closes — Feb. 19 (Fri.)	35 days	7 weeks
School Opens — March 1 (Mon.)		
School Closes — Aprils 23 (Fri.)	40 days	8 weeks
School Opens —May 3 (Mon.)		
School Closes — June 18 (Fri.)	34 days	7 weeks
	181 days	38 weeks

Holidays:

October 16 — State Teachers' Convention
November 11 — Armistice Day
November 26 and 27 — Thanksgiving Recess
(Thursday and Friday)
May 31 — Memorial Day

School will be dismissed at noon on September 9, November 25, December 22, and Good Friday, April 16.

TABLE I

STRATHAM SCHOOLS

TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1953

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
Stratham Memorial	18	14	12	26	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Robinson Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	4	6	5	6	37
Exeter High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	6	4	5	3	33
Portsmouth High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
St. Michael School	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Exeter Day School	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	19	14	15	27	11	10	17	15	10	12	10	10	170
1952 Comparisons	16	15	24	11	15	11	18	9	13	12	8	8	160

TABLE II

STRATHAM SCHOOLS

STATISTICS FOR TEN YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

School Year	Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attend.	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attend.	Cases Tardiness	Visits of Supt.	Visits of Others	Ave. Salary
1942-43	38	46	37	83	69.21	6.24	75.45	92.00	23	51	93	1050.00
1943-44	38	47	42	89	69.34	5.41	74.75	93.00	11	57	74	1125.00
1944-45	37	42	33	75	61.26	4.89	66.15	92.60	15	78	111	1200.00
1945-46	37	44	38	82	70.02	4.19	74.21	94.35	33	82	108	1233.33
1946-47	36	40	41	81	65.66	3.01	68.67	95.61	10	63	149	1366.66
1947-48	37	41	41	82	69.52	3.30	72.82	95.46	23	69	33	1800.00
1948-49	37	41	43	84	67.06	6.44	73.50	91.02	28	86	54	1870.00
1949-50	38	42	38	80	67.6	5.3	72.9	92.86	28	76	126	2000.00
1950-51	38	53	40	93	73.0	5.2	78.2	93.33	42	74	93	2250.00
1951-52	38	54	43	97	75.6	8.67	83.73	93.24	31	68	94	2450.00

TABLE III

STRATHAM SCHOOLS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1951-1952

Roberta French

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

Date 1952	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 6	Exeter	Shirley A. Scamman	Richard Scamman	Barbara Yeaton	Stratham, N. H.	Portsmouth, N.H.
Jan. 19	Exeter	Gary F. Noyes	David C. Noyes	Elizabeth Fletcher	Newcastle, N. H.	Madison, Me.
Feb. 15	Exeter	Kenneth R. Berry	Robert S. Berry	Marjorie E. Cleary	Haverhill, Mass.	Dorchester, Mass
Feb. 29	Exeter	James E. Amesden	Ralph V. Amsden	Alice M. Elton	Laconia, N. H.	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 5	Exeter	Rosemary G. Breslin	James E. Breslin	Ruth M. Crombie	Brighton, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.
Apr. 6	Exeter	Walter B. Goodwin	Carl J. Goodwin	Virginia Moore	Fall River, Mass.	Kittery, Me.
Apr. 19	Exeter	David A. Saunders	Clifford Saunders	Katherine I. Nunn	Medford, Mass.	Springfield, Mass
Apr. 26	Portsmouth	Joyce A. Mason	Everett L. Mason	Dorothy V. Emery	New Hampshire	Massachusetts
July 19	Exeter	Edw'd Archambault	W. Archambault	Marion Chapman	Lee, N. H.	Lee, N. H.
July 22	Exeter	Herbert Rawson, Jr.	Herbert F. Rawson	Grace M. Davey	Stratham, N. H.	Portsmouth, N.H.
Aug. 21	Exeter	Gregory L. Clark	Geo. E. Clark, Jr.	Elizabeth Bacon	Raymond, N. H.	Beecher Falls, Vt
Aug. 24	Exeter	Rebecca A. Porter	Kenneth W. Porter	Grace E. Jones	Exeter, N. H.	Rural Retreat, Va
Dec. 20	Exeter	Jan S. Tavitian	Rupert M. Tavitian	Mary A. Mahoney	Plaistow, N. H.	Concord, N. H.
Dec. 31	Exeter	David J. French	John D. French	Marion Caswell	Portsmouth, N.H.	Lee, N. H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

Date 1952	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Years	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Jan. 5	Carl W. Barker, Jr. Grace L. Hayden	27 18	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Carl W. Barker, Sr. Florence L. ODell Gordon Hayden, Sr. Ruth Rumford	Rev. Sion M. Lyman
Feb. 2	Daniel H. Donavon Josephine D. Lemire	46 43	Massachusetts Massachusetts	Daniel Donavon Hanora McCarthy William Lemire Delia Goslin	Marion T. Brewster Justice of the Peace
Apr. 5	John J. Kearns Florence D. Kearns	32 29	New Hampshire Maine		
May 2	Francis F. Wiggin Jean Cottrell	21 20	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Ernest T. Wiggin, Sr. Eleanor W. Fisk Maurice Cottrell Ruby Bennett	Rev. Paul T. Martin
July 26	Shadey D. Ventura Loretta Gagalis	31 22	Massachusetts Massachusetts	John Ventura Gaetana Damzelma Clifton Hopkinson Frances Sheehan	Marion T. Brewster Justice of the Peace

				John H. Beairsto	
Sept. 9	Norman Beairsto	23	Massachusetts	Florence N. Pearton	Rev. Charles A. Parker
	Maxine Booker	19	Maine	Harry A. Booker	
				Gladys Beatham	
				Forest P. Wentworth, Sr.	
Sept. 20	Forest P. Wentworth, Jr.	21	New Hampshire	Bernice Barnaby	Rev. Paul T. Martin
	Marcia F. Chesley	21	New Hampshire	Howard J. Chesley	
				Josephine Fisk	
				Charles W. Capron, Sr.	
Nov. 2	Richard B. Capron	24	New Hampshire	Mildred B. Bartlett	Rev. Clifford Saunders
	Rae N. Wiggin	21	New Hampshire	Earl L. Wiggin	
				Ruth A. Hopper	
				Philip Poirier	
Nov. 8	Richard E. Poirier	23	Massachusetts	Ina Bourque	Mary R. Tuck
	Muriel L. Pfau	21	Massachusetts	John F. Pfau	Justice of the Peace
				Helen Thompson	
				Nigal Chapman	
Aug. 28	Charles F. Chapman	21	Maine	Marian Cook	Marion T. Brewster
	Shirley M. Collins	17	New Hampshire	William D. Collins	Justice of the Peace
				Regina LeValley	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

Date 1952	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sin., Mar. or Wid.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 11	Frank P. Smith	60			Boston, Mass.	M	Frank P. Smith	Rebecca Shurtleff
Apr. 6	Peter K. Pantelakos	71			Greece	W	Charles Pantelakos	Kovola
Apr. 12	Grace M. Carr	58			Gilford, N. H.	M	Fred Rowe	Minnie Burns
May 1	Marion J. Tanner	76			Nova Scotia	W	Murdock MacLeod	Ann McKay
May 10	John O. French	76			Stratham, N. H.	M	David J. French	Irene Jewell
June 26	Genevra Roby	74			Arlington, Mass.	M	John Marsh	Margaret Thaxter
July 9	Irving L. Godfrey	79			Hampton, N. H.	W	Jeremiah Godfrey	Eliza J. Fogg
Sept. 16	Frank I. Foss	71			Barnstead, N. H.	M	Rufus Foss	Mary E. Tasker
Oct. 14	Linda A. Caswell	5			Portsmouth, N. H.	S	Kenneth Caswell	Teresa Kelly

DIED ELSEWHERE, BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Jan. 28	Amy Lane Powell	77				W		
July 16	George M. Hall	85						
Sept. 7	Baby Boy Chapman	0						